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SENATOR KOCH: Who?

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Tews.

SENATOR KOCH: Who's he?

SENATOR NICHOL: A Lobbyist.

SENATOR KOCH: For whom?

SENATOR NICHOL: Beer industry, I don't know.

SENATOR KOCH: We are starting to get to the bottom of this aren't we?

SENATOR NICHOL: Sure. I'll tell you anything I know sir.

SENATOR KOCH: Well I just know that what we are doing here in the late days, we are attempting to make, I think, a significant change. The law, as DeCamp has mentioned, has been there, we are trying to clarify it. But if the law has served us so far I just think there is no reason to further clarify it. We are merely trying to establish, I think, some very distinct distributorships or Coors will come in here completely under ours, as I understand it, and will handle it all. But we are trying to make sure that certain people have certain privileges. I also understand there are presently 2,000 applications in the State of Nebraska right in Golden, Colorado for these distributorships. It's been pretty well established and I could confirm it by phone call to Golden, Colorado, and I will do so by tomorrow because I happen to know rather intimately some of those people out there. But if you people persist in this then I am going to lay it on the table so I've asked you to bring it back to strike this material or I'll fight it all the way to the bitter end.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I admire his desire to fight it all the way to the bitter end, however, I would suggest to him that the law isn't operating all that wonderful. There's conflict. Liquor is the most regulated industry there is. The Supreme Court, right now, is trying to unravel this dispute on territories and what the law should be or what the law means and he can link it up to Coors or Falstaff or anything he wants but that doesn't resolve the problem and that's what we are here to do is to resolve the problems. I would urge you not to return the bill, to go ahead. I think what it has now are basically non-controversial items, unless somebody wants to read into something like they can on any bill on this floor just about anything they want.

PRESIDENT: Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President and members of the legislature, I want to concur on what Senator DeCamp said, two bills were brought before our Miscellaneous Subjects Committee dealing with the subject of territoriality and one was brought by the former counsel for the Liquor Control Commission who is involved